





# athletics

Whether they were cheering for their team or taking the field with their fellow teammates, the Bears connected wholesomely through athletics. There was hardly ever an empty spot in the audience as fans traveled far and wide to witness athletes come out on top. The uproar of the crowds at each game encouraged the Bears to give their all, and regardless of the outcome, they were victorious in their teamwork. Bear pride was evident throughout the campus, and students made sure to attend every game they could to cheer on their peers.

The football team opened the season with a 33-28 victory, and the Bears rejoiced at such a fine win. The young men trained long and hard to bring out the best in themselves, and they picked themselves up after every fumble and falter with ease. Even under the guidance of a new coach, the team remained a powerful, unified force that conquered on and off the field.

Both the men and women soccer teams triumphed magnificently during their seasons, and goals were kicked left and right across the green. Students from places as far as South America joined the teams on scholarships, and the sport felt the same regardless of where they were.

The baseball and softball teams had bats cracking and balls soaring across the diamond throughout the spring. Young men and women put their stamina and endurance to the test as they cruised bases and obtained victory for their team.

A new sport, tennis, arose on campus this year. Both men and women took part in the incredibly agile sport, and they made sure to never disappoint. Players constantly dove before the ball bounced twice, and they strived to keep the ball within the boundaries. Perfecting their swing and stance was only part of the battle, but their wins made the hard work worth it.

Success could not have occurred had it not been for the dedication of the coaches on campus. They provided motivation and wisdom to the young athletes, and their guidance did not go unnoticed. Each team strived not only to be triumphant in every game but also recognized in the MACJC South Division. No matter the sport, the Bears put on a display of astounding power and passion, ultimately leading to undeniable achievement and a base of devoted supporters.

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left: Raykell Ducksworth, Jalon Thigpen, and Deion Allen run onto the field.